(d) whether Government have con-siered the report; and

(e) if so, that decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes. Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) The National Steering Com mittee in its meetng held on 30-31-1.93 has made the following recommendations generally aplieable to all school textbooks:—

(i) Textbooks should be based on well-established historical data and interpretations.

(ii) The intrusion of all forms of communalism, casteism, regional and linguistic chauvinism into textbooks has to be avoided.

(iii) Modalities of enforcnig the national curricular framework with a common core so that all States conform to it have to be devised.

(iv) No textbooks which are not authorised should be allowed to be used in schools. Whether government aided or unaided run by private bodies or religious or cultural organisations.

(v) Textbooks should be written in conformity with the national curricular framework and the guidelines prepared by the NCERT. State Boards be set up for the preparation and authorisation of textbooks to be used in all schools.

(d) and (e) The recommendations made by the National Steering Committee were discussed in the Conference of State Education Ministers and educationists convened on 1st Feb. '93 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As decided in the Conference the recommendations have been sent to all the States|UTs for their comments. Further action would depend on the comments of the States|UTs.

Progress of the Repair works of Puri Temple

1458. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: C

(a) whether the repair and restn-ration work of the 12th Century Shri zJagannath Temple at Puri has since been completed by the Archaeological Survey of India:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when the said work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c): The conservation and preservation work of Lord Jagannath Temple, Puri is a continuous process. ATask Force has been constituted for the conservation work of the Garbhagriha from the interior which is to be completed before the next RATH YATRA.

Vocational Courses a Failure

1459. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

WiU the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vovational Courses introduced by UGC at the under-graduate level have proved to be a failure: and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for its failure and what corrective mea sures are proposed to be taken in trris regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b): According to the information furnished by UGC the Commission does not prescribe any courses of study in the universities. Such courses are prescribed by the universities themselves. UGC however, provides financial assistance to eligible universities in accordance with the prescribed norms, for restructuring of undergraduate courses in Arts, Social Sciences and Sciences to link them with work(field/practical experience and productivity. The Commission also provides assistance for introduction of courses in Computer Science; Electronic; Home Science; Management and Mass-Media Communication which equip the students with vocational skills. UGC has appointed an Expert Committee to identify vocational courses so as to provide continuity at undergraduate level to the students from the vocational stream at plus 2 level.

Anganwadi Workers in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam

1460. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Gram Sevikas and Anganwadi workers in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam;

(fo) whether these Sevikas are getting meagre monthly salaries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMEN (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA .RAJESHWARI): (a) to (c) The number of Anganwadi workers in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam are 1267 and 7008 respectively. The information regarding Gram Sevikas is being collected.

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1461. **चौधरी हरि सिंह :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मई, 1992 में बुल्गारिया में आयोजित विश्व चैम्पियन शिप प्रतियोगिता में देश की कुछ महिला भारोत्तोलकों ने भाग लिया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी महिला भारोत्तोलकों का राज्यवार और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) उनके चयन के लिये क्या मापदंड अपनाया गया है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने प्रत्येक प्रतियोगी को यातायात खर्च दिया हैं ;

(ङ) क्या रहने और भोजन की व्यवस्था के लिये प्रत्येक प्रतियोगी से 16,500 रुपये लिये गये हैं ;

(च) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं , और

(छ) भविष्य में ऐसी घटनायें न होने देने के लिये.क्या कदम उठाये जाने का विचार है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय (युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार) (श्री मुकुल वासनिक) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) ब्यौरा विवरण में दिया गया है (नीचे देखिये) ।